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SUBJECT: REPORTED MURDER OF LEBANESE JEW

REF: STATE 27834

1. DR. JOSEPH ATIYEH, LEADER OF LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY, INFORMS US THAT JACQUES CHAHINE, WHO OWNS CINEMA IN BEIRUT SUBURB AND IS NOT RPT NOT COMMUNITY'S "SECRETARY", IS ALIVE AND WELL, ALTHOUGH HIS YOUNG SON DIED HERE OF NATURAL CAUSES FEB. 10.

2. COMMENT: BELIEVE DEATH OF CHAHINE'S SON GAVE RISE TO INACCURATE REPORT CONTAINED REFTTEL. DEPT WILL RECALL THAT SECRETARY OF LEBANESE JEWISH COMMUNITY, DR. ALBERT ELIA, DISAPPEARED HERE IN SEPT 1971-- PRESUMABLY KIDNAPPED BY SYRIAN INTELLIGENCE AGENTS AND HAS NOT BEEN HEARD OF SINCE. SINCE THEN, VARIOUS MEMBERS OF LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY (BUT NOT CHAHINE) HAVE PERFORMED ELIA'S SECRETARIAL DUTIES, AND MANY STILL CLING TO HOPE HE MIGHT YET BE ALIVE IN SYRIAN CUSTODY. HOUGHTON

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